

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2008. This response is timely filed. Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any surplus to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-15 were pending. In the Office Action, claims 1, 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and claims 4-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 3 and 5-15 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten either in independent form or to overcome the §112 rejections. The objections and rejections are discussed in more detail below.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the limitation "low number of drum revolutions" in claims 4-7 was asserted to be indefinite. The subject matter of claim 5 is introduced into claim 4 herein, to define the "low number of drum revolutions", and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

II. Rejections to the claims based upon Art and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,240,586 to Joo. Claims 3, 14 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 5-13 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant specifically makes no comment as to the validity of the rejections based on art, and is not conceding in this application that the rejected claims are not patentable over the cited prior art. Purely in the interests of expeditious prosecution, applicant has introduced the subject matter of allowable claim 3 into claim 1. The subject matter of claim 5 has been added to claim 4, and claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 14 has also been rewritten in

independent form. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-allowed claims and other claims in one or more divisional or continuing applications.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that all claims presented herein are in condition for allowance, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is thus believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

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